



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : Pfaffmann, et al.

For : IMPROVED METHOD OF FORMING A  
TUBULAR BLANK INTO A  
STRUCTURAL COMPONENT AND DIE  
THEREFOR

Serial No. : 10/659,403

Filing Date : September 10, 2003

Gr. Art Unit : 1742

Our Docket : ABCE 2 12650

**PETITION FOR REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
TO RESPOND TO THE NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS  
DATED DECEMBER 23, 2003**

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Dear Sir:

A Notice to File Missing Parts was mailed by the Examiner on December 23, 2003. The Examiner set a shortened two month deadline to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts.

Applicants submit herewith a Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application. As such, a four-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) is hereby respectfully requested. The fee for filing such an extension of time to respond to the above referenced matter, namely

\$740.00 as prescribed under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(4), is enclosed herewith. If it is determined that an additional fee is necessary, or if it is established that a credit is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

Additionally, if it is determined that a longer or shorter extension of time is required, it is respectfully requested that this be a request therefor.

Applicant's attorney can be reached at the telephone number below if any further information is needed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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